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1. IN RECENT SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS WITH MISSION OFFICER, EC
COMMISSION EXTERNAL RELATIONS OFFICIALS MASLEN AND FOUERE INDICATED
THAT EC IS MOVING CLOSER TO AN AGREED REPLY TO THE APRIL 18
OLSZEWSKI LETTER PROPOSING DIRECT EC/CEMA TALKS ON AN AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES. THE CONSENSUS IS NOW IN FAVOR OF ACCEPTING
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THE PROPOSAL THAT DIRECT TALKS BE HELD, BUT THE EC'S CEMA WORKING
GROUP IS STILL GRAPPLING WITH THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

--THE TIMING OF A REPLY (SOME EC MEMBER STATES WANT TO WAIT UNTIL
AFTER THE JULY MEETING OF THE CEMA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE);

--WHAT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED;

--WHEN TALKS SHOULD BE HELD (THE EC MAY OFFER TO MEET IN SEPTEMBER, I.E. BETWEEN THE TWO ROUNDS OF BELGRADE CSCE TALKS; AND,

--WHERE THE TALKS SHOULD BE HELD (THE EC WILL INSIST UPON BRUSSELS, BUT THERE ARE DIFFERENCES OVER WHETHER TO OFFER THE COUNCIL BUILDING AS THE SITE FOR TALKS--AS IN THE CASE OF CURRENT FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS WITH EASTERN BLOC COUNTRIES--OR TO INSIST UPON THE COMMISSION BUILDING).

2. ACCORDING TO FOUERE, THE EC WILL INSIST THAT THE INITIAL ROUND BE LIMITED TO "TECHNICAL TALKS" ON THE MODALITIES OF CONDUCTING FURTHER SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS; HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE EC IS AWARE THAT IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO DIVORCE SUBSTANCE FROM PROCEDURE. FOUERE EMPHASIZED THAT THE EC WILL NOT, IN ANY CASE, BUDGE FROM THE NEGOTIATING POSITIONS OUTLINED IN ITS NOVEMBER 1976 LETTER TO OLSZEWSKI (REFTEL C). HE INDICATED THAT THE EC FEELS UNDER NO PRESSURE TO SEND A REPLY BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE BELGRADE MEETING IN JUNE, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE FIVE MONTHS IT TOOK CEMA TO REPLY TO THE EC'S LAST LETTER. HINTON

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